### HOW WERE THEY POISONED?

A Mysterious Case Which is Attracting Much Attention.

THE DEATH OF MRS. DORT.

Echoes From the Election - What Mayor Boyd Says - Capt, Crawford's Funeral - The Mardi-Gras Procession.

## A Mysterious Case.

The medical fraternity of the city are much interested in a mysterious poisoning case, very similar to that of the Murphy family, in which, as will be remembered ex-Mayor Murphy died some months ago, after violent and sudden symptoms. The afflicted family this time was that of Mrs. Jane Dort, her two children and grand children, living on Fifteeen and Davenport streets, next to the Baptist church.

Mrs. Jane Dort, the mother, died at 4 o'clock Tuesday, after a few days illness, the other members of the family having recovered. The circumstances of the mysterious case, as investigated by a reporter of the BEE to-day, are as follows: On last Friday morning, shortly after breaktast, Mrs. Jane Dort, who is a lady of about 55 years of age, was sud-denly taken ill. In a few moments the son and daughter, Lon and Lillie Dort, aged about 23 and 21 years, were also taken down in a similar manner, as well as the grand-daugh-ter, Edna, a little girl 5 or 6 years of age The symptoms in each case were those of violent purging and vomiting, accompanied by severe pains in the stomach and bowels. In the close of Mrs. Dort the symptoms were very violent, and the comiting kept up from day to day with such obstinacy, that on Tuesday evening, death resulted from sheer physical exhaustion. In the other cases, the symp-toms were less pronounced, and as already mentioned, the two girls and the young man have about recovered.

The cause of the mysterious poisoning is absolutely unknown. All sort of theories have been pressed into service to afford an explanation. One supposition was that the poisoning was caused by a mutton steak which the family ate that morning, but careful examination has convinced Drs. Dinsmoor and Parcell, who attended the case, that the sickness sould not have resulted in that way. The butcher from whom the meat was purchased certifies that it was perfectly weet and untainted, and that other families, none of whom have experienced any sickness, were supplied off the same piece. Other theories have been followed up but none of them have thrown a particle of light upon the mystery.

The case is certainly a very strange one," said Dr. Dinsmoor to a reporter resterday, in speaking of the matter. The symptoms in all the cases were those of gastrie inflammation, which may have been caused by the patient's swallow-ing some poison, or may have resulted from malarial influences."

"But how did it happen that the four members of the family were all taken down at the same time and in the same

"That is the question which most careful investigation has failed to answer. Both Dr. Parcell and myself have searched high and low to find some cause for the mysterious sickness, but so far we have been baffled in every direction. It could not have resulted from the eating of the mutton, for other families partook of the same meat and were not effected a particle. It could not have been caused by something in the well from which the Dort family drank (as was thought at one time) for other families on the same street use the same well, and they have not been taken ill. The house has been thoroughly searched for poison of some kind, all to no avail. The children of the family assure us that food, as there was none about the house. The natural inference is that the poisoning was caused by something which was eaten by all of the family, but just what that something is no one knows, and it seems to be a mystery past finding out. Really nothing can be determined definitely about the matter until a posture that the contract of the contract matter until a postmortem examination is made. The symptoms so far as we were able to determine them were those of gastric inflammation, which may, as I have said, have been caused by malarial

'No," continued Dr. Dinsmoor, in answering another question of the reporter, "I do not know anything about the Murphy case, of my own personal observation, and can not say how much this one is like that I certainly believe in ptomaine poisoning, but do not think that this case belongs to that class. It is a mystery—that is all I can say about it."

It is not probable that a post morter. It is not probable that a post mortem examination of the body will be made, though it is very desirable in the interests of science that the mystery should be fully investigated. The matter, however, is of course at the dictation of the relatives of the deceased, who are averse to ordering a post-mortem. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 2 o'clock, from the First Baptist church.

### THE POLITICAL ASPECT.

Charges of Bribery in the Third Ward-What People Say.

People were busy yesterday talking over the result of Tuesday's election, which on all sides is considered a triumphant victory for the republicans. Pat Ford's majority in the Third ward has been the subject of a great deal of criticism. Bribery has been openly charged upon his democratic triends. It was stated yesterday that votes were bought and sold in the most flagrant manner. It is understood that the matter will be brought to the attention of the district attorney who will be asked to bring it to the attention of the next grand jury. Witnesses to the briberies are easy to find, but it will probably be difficult to fasten the blame upon the proper person. The honest citizens of the ward are thoroughly aroused, and are willing to use both time and money to see that the will of the peo-

The political complexion of the council will not be changed by yesterday's vote but the election will probably cause radical changes to be made in the board of education. The only member of the board entitled to receive any salary is the secretary. Mr. Conoyer is the present incumbent of this office, but it is probable that in May ne will be relegated back to a seat among the members. The indications are that the Rev. W. E. Copeland will be his successor, although an effort will be made to induce Mr Davis to become a candidate. It is not likely, however, that he would be willing to give up his law practice to accept a position ple shall not be defeated. up his law practice to accept a position of that nature. Blackburn does not want the place and the business of the other members of the board is of such a nature

members of the board is of such a nature as to exclude all idea of their candidacy.

Mr. Poinfs will, according to a member of the board, retire from the president's chair, which, after the May election will probably be filled by E. K. Long.

Mr. Long has had a long experience in matters pertaining to education and would make an excellent presiding officer. It is urged against him, however, that he as city auditor would have to audit the warrants of the boards signed by lim as president. This function is purely minis-

terial as the president only signs the war-

WHAT MAYOR BOYD SAYS.

Mayor Boyd was waited upon by a reported for the BEE yesterday and was questioned about the truth of the rumor that he was about to resign on account of the

result of the election.
"Is it true, Mr. Boyd," was asked, "that you expect to hand in your resignation?'
"I had intended to do so last night,"

"Then you have changed your mind?"
"No, I won't say that. My friends are
very anxious that I shall remain. Still I shall resign unless certain things come to

'Have you any objection to stating what those 'certain things' are?'

"Yes, I don't care to say anything further about the matter. I shall just state that I can't have things go on as they have been for the past few months. If it hadn't been for the protestations of my friends, I would have resigned long ago—at the time the first trouble over Cummings arose. The fact is that since I have been in the mayor's office, I have worked hard for the city's interests and take a deep interest in her welfare as, in deed, I always have. Yet I have been abused and misrepsented. No I can't say that I am exactly disappointed at the result of the election, though certainly I had hoped tha it would be different. It is not an easy thing to elect a democratic council in a city which is republican by a large majority."

Sew Cantornia oranges from 25 to 40 cents a dozen. California seed-less oranges sell from 45 to 75 cents a dozen.

### CAPT. CRAWFORD'S FUNERAL. It Will Take Place on Sunday-Prep-

arations on Foot. Capt. J. G. Bourke, who accompanied the remains of Capt. Emmet Crawford from New Mexico to Kearney, arrived in the city yesterday. He says that the funeral will take place on Sunday next, under the auspices of Hebron Commandery of the Masonic order, to which the deceased belonged. A large number of officers from different posts in this de-partment, as well as the other departments, are expected to be in attendance Quite a delegation will go down from Omaha, and arrangements are being made to have a special train sent down on the Union Pacific. General Howard has written to General Schofield, division commander, requesting the privilege of sending down a full company of in-fantry from this fort.

The telegraph brings the news that the Second Infantry is to be transferred from the department of Columbia to this de-partment. Nothing is known at head-quarters about such a change, as yet. General Breek said yesterday the change would probably be simply be a transfer of the Second Infantry from the Columbia and the Ninth Infantry from this depart-

#### THE MARDI GRAS PROCESSION. The Musical Protective Union Celebrate the Day in Fine Style

As early as 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the crowds began to collect in front of the exposition building and by the time the first wagon drove up to take part in the Mardi Gras procession, instituted by the Musical Protective union, the sidewalks were lined for blocks with people. In the early part of the afternoon gaily decorated wagons, bearing various advertising devices stood at almost every street corner, waiting to be loaded. At the exposition the marshals were iding about on horseback in vain trying to keep the crowd within bounds. As each team came up the driver was given a number and drove away again to find the proper place in the procession. This was one of the gayest throngs ever seen in Omaha. Boys spurred through the masks piloted their horses through the masses, small urchins shouted and icered and men and women laughed. Every conceivable color was represented in the costumes of the participants in the procession and every variety of articles was carried in the wagons. One enter-prising restaurateur had a cook stove and coffee placed in a huge wagon and prepared meals while en route. His waiters, clad in immaculate white jackets, and aprons followed the moyable kitchen in barouches. Pyramids of beer kegs grotesquely decorated were piled up in wagons, and made the thirsty pedestrian sigh for a taste of their contents. Sewing machines, eigars, different brands of wine; in fact, everything produced or made in Omaha, was represented in the proces-It was 3 o'clock before the marshals

secceeded in getting anything like order out of the chaotic mass of men, disguised by more or less frightful masks. The procession started off to gay music, ac-companied by the cheers of the crowd Windows were thrown open all along their line of march, and the corners of the streets were crowded. different organizations composing the Musical Protective Union were drawn in handsomely decorated chariots and furnished the music for the occasion They met with a hearty reception from all quarters and it was the universal opinion that the procession was the finest ever seen in Omaha. The line of march was as follows: Starting point ex-position building, Fifteenth and Capi-tol Avenue, south to Harney street, east on Harney to Ninth, no, at of Ninth to Farnham, west on Farnham to Fifteenth, north on Fifteenth to Douglas, west on Douglas to Sixteenth, north on Sixteenth to Cummings, countermarch on Sixteenth to Dodge, east on Dodge to Tenth, south on Tenth to Douglas, west on Douglas to Fourteenth, north on Fourteenth to Exposition building.

John Phillips, a brother of Laura Phillips whose tragic suicide was mentioned in Monday's BEE, arrived in the city yesterday and took charge of the remains of his sister. According to his direction, the burial took place at 4
o'clock this afternoon, the interment being made in Prospect Hill cemetery.
The fact that Laura Phillips comes of

the best family, the unusual charms of refinement and beauty which invested her, and the strange note, written in blood, in which she tells of the compact made between herself and the devil, combine to make the case one of strange and wierd interest. The parents of the girl are not aware of the life which she has been leading, and an effort will be made to keep the terrible secret from

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### Arguing for Gas.

The arguments in the case of the Gas company against the city were delivered yesterday. Judge Wakely will take the matter under advisement before rendering any decision. The counsel for the gas company are Judge Savage, George E. Pritchett and Mr. Malden, of Philadelphia. City Attorney Connell represented the interests of the city in the con-

THE FAMILY MARKET BASKET What the Thrifty Housewife Can Buy

in the Local Marts-Prices. New cauliflower is one of the delicacies at present obtainable, though scarce, selling at from 20 to 35 cents per head. Onions are selling at 30 cents a peck, while yellow Salt Lake onions bring 40 cents.

Parsley is sold at 5 cents a bunch. Parsnips at 25 cents a peck.

New hot-house radishes 60 cents a dozen. Lettuce five heads for a quarter. New California celery in mammoth bunches sell from 15 to 20 cents per bunch. Spinnach from the southern states has now made its appearance and sells for 35 cents a peck. New green onions, three bunches for a dime. Watercress 5 cents a bunch. Pie-plant 15 cents a bunch. Oyster plants, three and four bunches for 25 cents. Wisconsin cranberries, 10 cents a quart; choicest Cape Cod, 15 cents t quart; dersey sweet potatoes, 61 cents per pound. Turnips 20 cents a peck. Rutabagas 3 cents per pound. Carrots 25 cents a peck. Salt Lake potatoes, 85 cents per bushel; Nebraska potatoes, from 60 to 75 cents. California asparagus sells at 25 cents yer pound.

FRUITS. New California oranges from 25 the outside price being for very choice ones. Bananas are worth from 25 to 35

White fish and trout are selling for 15 cents a pound.

Fresh codfish is to be purchased for 15 cents a pound, while halibut steaks are worth 25 cents. Eels are worth 20 cents a pound. Flounders are worth 124 cents a pound. Striped bass are so scarce as to be unquoted. Sea perch are worth 124c a be unquoted. Sea perch are worth 124c a pound. Salt codfish tongues sell for 12 cents a pound. Fresh lobsters are just coming in for the season. They sell at 25 cents per pound. North river shad are now to be purchased; they are arriving in liner condition than this market has ever seen them. They sell at \$1 each for roe and 65 cents each for bucks.

Fresh perch are now in the market, and sell at 12½ cents a pound. Fresh catfish also on hand, selling at 15 cents a pound. Buffalo is just in season; fresh caught, 10 cents a pound. Pickerel are now in the market, fresh, and sell at 121 cent a pound. Oysters, of standard quality and size, are selling at 40 cents a qt. The selects bring 60 cents a qt. Cans 20 to 40 cents.

MEAT, POULTRY AND GAME.
The best cuts of sirloin sell for 15 cents; rumps and upper part of round steak at 12½. Roasting ribs, firm and juicy, can be bought from 10 to 12½ cents. Veal is extremely scarce and comes high, from 15 to 20 cents, according to the choiceness of the part. Sweet breads can be pur-chased at 25 cents a pair. Corn beef is selling at from 5 to 10 cents, according to cuts. Prime leg of mutton can be had for 124 cents; mutton chops 124 to 15 cents Ham is worth 124 cents in bulk, 20 cents sliced. Pork, 10 to 124 cents. Sausage, 10 to 124 cents. Venison, rich and juicy,

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#### THE METHODIST REVIVAL. The Exposition Building Engaged for

a Month. The Methodist revival is proving such a great success that the church on Davenport street is found to be altogether too small to accommodate the immense numbers who wish to attend. Hundreds are order, therefore, to give everybody an opportunity to attend these revival meetings the exposition building has been Saturday evenings. The first meeting in the exposition building will be held on next Sunday. It is expected that Rev. C. P. Creighton, of Lincoln, will be present all next week and assist in the meetings. So far one hundred persons have been converted.

Marched Them to Jail.

Mr. Dan Lane, who lives on Izard street, going home about midnight, or earlier yesterday morning two men inghis back yard, acting in a very mysterious manner "What do you fellows want here?" he

"None of your d-d business," was the

"I'll show you," replied Mr. Lane. jerking out his revolver and leveling it at the leader. "Come along with me." The heavier of the two men made a des perate attempt to get the revolver away

from Mr. Lane, but unsuccessfully.

Mr. Lane ordered them to march down town with him, and on the way met Officer Jasperson who landed the two men in jail. They gave their names as Farrell and O'Brien. A package of wet under-clothes, which they had undoubtedly stolen from some line, was found in their possession. They are held awarting

Mrs. Salmon's Funeral. The funeral of Mrs. F. B. Salmon, who died in California recently, took place yesterday from the St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, Rev. Willard Scott officiating. The floral tributes which covered the coffin were beautiful. the remains were interred in Prospect Hill cemetery. The gentlemen who acted as pall bearers were Andy Borden, J. E. Preston, W. J. Hawks, B. O. Freeman, W. F. McGuire and David Jamison

A Bohemian Broil.

A free fight between the Bohemians in the Second ward and the police took place Tuesday afternoon, which resulted in a number of arrests. Some of the Bohemian women took an active part in the fray, and for a time it seemed that blood would be shed. Judge Stenburg has set the cases for trial to-day in order to give all parties a chance to

Suing the Sheriff.

The A. S. Cameron Steam Pump works have begun a replevin suit in the district court against Sheriff Coburn, fixing their damage at \$500. The suit is one of the complication arising from the failure of Cowing & Co.

A Farewell Reception. On next Thursday evening Gen. How-

ard will meet the old soldiers of Post Custer, of which he is a member, and tender them a farewell reception. Kear-ney post of Fort Omaha and No. 110 of this city will be present, and are expected to join in the exercises. Police Pointers.

Judge Stenberg disposed of a lot of cases of intexication in the police court yesterday none of them being of any special importance. Larry Casey was fined \$10 and costs for lighting. He made a savage assault upon the policeman who arrested him.

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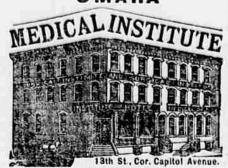
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